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KNOX'S CHURCH.

In pursuance of the following Resolution, unanimously adopted at the Congregational Stew, held on Friday Evening, 24th Feb. 1881.

Moved by the Hon. MALCOLM CAMERON, M. P. P.
Seconded by JOSEPH C. MONROE, Esq., M. P. P.,

Acknowledging that the present position of Knox Church is a source of much gratification, and that the Trustees are entitled to the warmest thanks of this Congregation for the great interest they have evinced in the general welfare of the Church, and particularly with reference to the erection and completion of the present edifice—

A large meeting of the Female Members and adherents of the Congregation was held in the Library Room, on Monday, the 4th instant. Having been addressed by the Rev. Dr. Weeks, the Pastor of the Congregation, and by Mr. John McManis and Mr. James Brown, they cordially approved of the proposal to raise funds to liquidate part of the debt of the Church by means of a Bazaar, and agreed to use their earnest and best endeavours, for the furtherance of that object. The following Ladies were appointed to act as a Committee, to make and execute all necessary arrangements, and to receive donations of Work, Goods, or Money:—

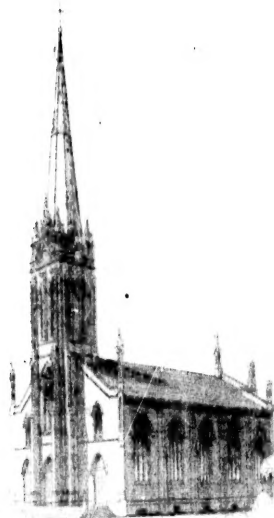
MISS THOMAS DICK, Queen Street West, — Treasurer.

In coming before the Congregation and the Public, and in making an appeal to both, in behalf of our Bazaar, as also to friends in the Parent Country, from whom we have already received many tokens of sympathy and kindness, the Committee think it may be advisable to advert briefly to the past history and present position of the Congregation.

The Presbyterian Church of York, U. C., was first formed in 1822, and its Trustees incorporated by Act of the ~~Parliament~~ ^{Legislature} in 1824. The Rev. JAMES HARRIS was chosen as the first Minister in 1822, and he continued to officiate till 1844.

On the 18th May, 1843, the great disruption in the Church of Scotland took place, and in July of the following year, a similar disruption in Canada.

The Members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church, in Toronto, who held Free Church principles, and who formed a large proportion of the whole Congregation, having united with the Presbyterian Church of York, were organized into one Congregation, in connection with the



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MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, adhering to the principles of the Free Church of Scotland. Mr. Martin having retired from active service, though retaining his Ministerial character, the Rev. Dr. Bruce, of St. George's Free Church, Paisley, having been unanimously called to be Pastor of the United Congregation, was inducted on the 23rd May, 1845. An addition having been made to the original erection, public worship was conducted in the building thus formed, till 31st May, 1847, when the whole structure was destroyed by fire, which on a disastrous event led to the erection of the present edifice. The erection of a place of worship generally forms a great era in the history of a Congregation, and at the same time calls for the joint sympathy and assistance of all who are able and willing. The cost of Knox's Church exceeds the sum of Six Thousand Pounds, Halifax Currency, a large amount of which has already been paid off; and it is worthy of remark; that up to the present date, the Trustees have been enabled to meet every demand made on the Building Fund; but as a large amount has yet to be raised, and as several heavy claims have soon to be met, we are under the necessity of making this appeal to our friends; and we are the more encouraged to do so, because the efforts of the Congregation hitherto, having been chiefly directed to the advancement of the Missionary cause throughout the Province, as our own burden is removed, we shall be the better able to stretch out a helping hand to others. The ready and liberal response made to former calls inspires the Committee with the hope that friends here, and at a distance, will view the "Bazaar" scheme favourably; and that they will give their sympathy and support. To the Members and adherents of the Congregation, the Committee would say, "Behold the House of God builded in its place," weary not in the good work until one effort more be made—effort determined, united and generous—so as to reduce the debt on the building to an amount which will render such large demands in future unnecessary, and will free the Trustees in after years from heavy pecuniary responsibilities.

These considerations, the Committee are assured, need not be enforced. They trust that every individual in the Congregation will consider that now is the time when all are called upon, to do something—in their hearts to devise liberal things, and to give according to their ability.

It is proposed that the Bazaar Exhibition, and Sale, should take place during the month of June, but the time and place will be duly announced by public advertisement.

ELIZABETH B. BURNS,

Toronto, Canada West,
22nd February, 1850.

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